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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: S 332 (Boxer, Sanders) Climate Protection Act of 2013 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Boxer:

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we strongly **Support S 332- Climate Protection Act of 2013 (Boxer, Sanders)** and encourage others to support this legislation. This important piece of legislation will move the country toward addressing climate disruptions, reduce carbon pollution, enhance the use of clean energy, and promote resilience in the infrastructure of the United States, and for other purposes.

The major reasons Sunnyvale supports this legislation are because S 332:

- Would set a national long-term emissions reduction goal of 80 percent or more by 2050 as called for by science;
- Could raise \$1.2 trillion in revenue over ten years and reduce greenhouse gas emissions approximately 20 percent from 2005 levels by 2025;
- Accelerates emissions reduction as a result of the energy investments, and ongoing efforts by the EPA and a number of states;
- Protects drinking water by ensuring disclosure of chemicals used in the fracking process;
- Dedicates a portion of the revenues raised to make investment in energy efficiency and sustainable energy technologies to further reduce emissions, create jobs, and position America as a leader in clean technology, including weatherizing 1 million homes per year, tripling the budget for breakthrough energy research and development;
- Invests in domestic manufacturing and energy-intensive industries to promote energy efficiency and mitigate impacts of a carbon price; and,
- Funds \$1 billion a year in worker training and transition programs to help move workers into jobs in the clean energy economy.

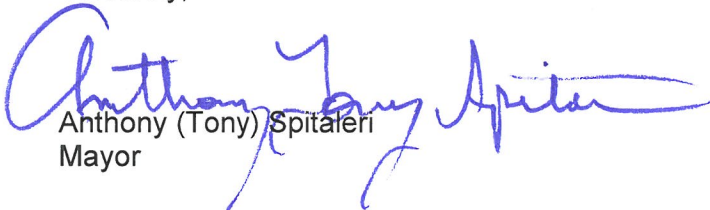
Sunnyvale has consistently been a leader in the protection of the environment. Living in a densely populated area, without sufficient local fresh water resources and with the northern border of the City at sea level, we have always been conscious of how important a stable climate is to the

health of our community. The City has a discipline of cost recovery for many of its activities. In the area of carbon emission impacts, it seems natural to support an effort to extend that discipline globally. Supporting such a national effort is both consistent with our principles and important to the future economic and social health of our community.

Current City of Sunnyvale policy places a high priority on environmental management and sustainability (***Council Policies: 3.0 Long-Term Advocacy Positions - Environmental Management, 3.5.1 Energy, 3.7.2 Reduction of Carbon Dioxide Emissions from City Operations, Policy 1.1.9 Sustainable Development and Green Buildings***). Sunnyvale is currently striving to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as part of the state's AB 32 legislation. We believe the Climate Protection Act of 2013 will help our City accomplish our emission reduction goals and put the rest of the nation on a path to accomplish necessary emission reductions, in addition to protecting drinking water, investing in domestic infrastructure, fostering new technologies and innovations and training workers for a transition to a clean energy economy.

For these reasons, we express our support and encourage others to support the Climate Protection Act of 2013 (Sanders, Boxer). Thank you for your leadership and efforts to move the country toward a more sustainable future. Please do not hesitate to contact me or John Stufflebean, Director of Environmental Services, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Anthony (Tony) Spitaleri
Mayor

cc: All Council
The Honorable Mike Honda
City Manager
Director of Environmental Services